

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee. Upon entry of the amendments presented above, claims 1, 10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-26, 28-29, 31-33 and 36-40 will appear in this case.

The above amendments are made to correct claim dependencies of those claims which are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice so that such claims will be examined, to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee, and to make other claim changes also to reduce the government filing fee.

The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicant respectfully reserving his rights to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with claims which may have been eliminated by the removal of all multi-dependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments. The broadest claims remain unchanged. The scope of the claims thus has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

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